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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Harue AMANO

Appln. No.: 09/965,858 Group Art Unit: 2612

Filed: October 1, 2003 Examiner: R. Tillery

For: IMAGE PLAYBACK DEVICE AND METHOD AND ELECTRONIC
CAMERA WITH IMAGE PLAYBACK FUNCTION

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2004, Applicant hereby elects the species of Fig. 5 (Claims 1, 5, 14, and 18) for examination for prosecution on the merits. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications for the non-elected species.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, then such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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